

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method for aggregating and managing client orders comprising the steps of:

scanning at least one client machine readable code with a scanner;  
scanning at least one product machine readable code with said scanner,  
transmitting said scanned client machine readable codes and said product machine  
readable codes stored in said scanner to a computer;  
creating a shopping list for each client and each vendor by using said client  
machine readable code to identify the owner of the shopping cart and by  
using a predetermined vendor preference list stored on said computer to  
assign each product machine readable code to a different vendor shopping  
list for each client;  
transmitting said shopping lists to the appropriate e-commerce website operated  
by said designated vendor for each client; and  
completing the aggregate ordering for each client by placing the order for each  
client using each of said e-commerce websites.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A method of aggregate ordering according to Claim 1, wherein said step of creating shopping lists comprises the steps of:

identifying the first client machine readable code from said uploaded information;

creating a first vendor shopping list for said first client by placing all product

machine readable codes found in a first preferred vendor database to said

first vendor shopping list;

creating additional shopping lists for each vendor for said first client by utilizing a

plurality of preferred vendor databases in an assigned order; and

creating shopping lists in the same manner for each additional client.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A system for aggregating and managing client orders comprising:

at least one client machine readable code;

at least one product machine readable code

a scanner capable of scanning said client machine readable codes and said product

machine readable codes;

a computer for connecting to said scanner to upload said client machine readable codes and product machine readable codes;

a software application located on said computer which creates a shopping list for each client and each vendor by using said client machine readable code to identify the owner of the shopping cart and by using a predetermined vendor preference list stored on said computer to assign each product machine readable code to a different vendor shopping list for each client, transmits said shopping lists to the appropriate e-commerce website operated by said designated vendor for each client, and completes the aggregate ordering for each client by placing the order for each client using each of said e-commerce websites.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (New) A system for aggregating and managing client orders according to Claim 5, wherein said machine readable codes are barcodes.

17. (New) A system for aggregating and managing client orders according to Claim 16, wherein said scanner uses optical decoding techniques to scan said barcodes.

18. (New) A system for aggregating and managing client orders according to Claim 16, wherein said scanner is a laser-based scanner.